

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-4, 7, 15 and 16 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

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1. (Thrice Amended) A stent assembly, comprising:

an intravascular stent;

a cover material surrounding the stent and having a first section and a second section, the first and second sections forming an overlap portion;

the overlap portion being configured so that the first section and the second section are slidable with respect to each other along the longitudinal axis of the stent;

wherein the cover material has a distal end and a proximal end;

and the cover material distal end and proximal end are attached to the stent;

wherein the overlap portion is positioned between the distal end and the proximal end of the cover material; and

wherein the first section has a proximal end and a distal end and the first section is shorter than the overall length of the stent.

2. (Amended) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the second section has a proximal end and a distal end and the second section is shorter than the overall length of the stent.

D³ 4/ 14. (Twice Amended) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the stent has a distal end and a proximal end and wherein the cover material is attached to the stent at the stent distal end and the stent proximal end.

D⁴ 7/ 19. (Amended) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the cover material has a thickness in the range of 0.0005 to 0.010 inch.

D⁵ 13/ 33. (Amended) The assembly of claim ¹⁰~~21~~, wherein the cover material is attached to the stent at the stent distal end and the stent proximal end.

D⁶ 21/ 38. (Amended) The assembly of claim ⁹~~20~~, wherein the cover material has a thickness in the range of 0.0005 to 0.010 inch.